

## UCOT Board of Director's Meeting

October 17, 2020

Via Zoom

Members Present: Joe Mazza, Margot Coleman, Barbara Scott, Chuck Fawns, Bette Myerson, Bob Aubrecht, Mimi Owensby and Dennis Scott

The Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM

- I. Opening Words – Margot  
Margot sent the opening works which were written by Otto Whittaker from “I am the Nation:, Norfolk and Western Railway company Magazine, January 15, 1976, front cover.
- II. Minutes of September Meeting – Margot  
The minutes were accepted as presented
- III. Treasure's Report – Bette

We do not have any CD's at the moment. When the budget is finalized for next year, estimates should be reduced for plate income, rent expense, printing costs and minister travel costs. It should be assumed that we will continue virtual meetings for at least 6 months. Barbara was asked if she has presented a bill for the Zoom services which are used for both Board of Director's meetings and services. It was decided that she should be reimbursed for the cost and Bette asked her to submit a bill for her expense.

The report was accepted as presented.

- IV. Continuing Items
  - a) Pledge Campaign update (Bette, Bob)

All the letters went out on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There have been 6 responses for a total of \$9,900.00. Feedback from the members of the congregation during the pledge phone calls is very important and the board would like the information for discussion at the next board meeting.

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### b) UCOT CARES, including discussion of Food Pantries (all)

It was decided to ask members about a second pledge drive and the matching funds from UCOT's account for \$4,000.00. It was also decided that without going into detail, that members be given the information regarding the Little Food Pantry and the fact that it should be included in the church's drive to help with food relief in the community. The percentages of disbursement will be as follows:

St. James Food Pantry	60%	Shared Table	10%
Taos Immigrant Allies	10%	Sin Fronteras	10%
Little Food Pantry	10%		

### c) Straggling Items about November 15 screening of Nurturing the Spirit

Both ministers will be there and will speak. Marsha and Chuck will speak. Margot will contact Sally and find out if she will be in town and if she would like to speak. Margot will send her flowers when she is at home to accept them.

## V. New Items

### a) OOS planning for November 29<sup>th</sup> fifth Sunday (Joe)

Format – Joe and Barbara would like to have it be patterned on a regular service. It was suggested that we have special music on that day. Joe will be the lay leader and will supply words of hope and inspiration.

### b) Next year's programming for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, including Yvonne's comments (Barb)

Yvonne thinks we need something different. Barbara does not want to continue having all the responsibility for the programs and asked for some suggestions or some volunteers. It was decided that the Circles will be paused and then restart possibly in June of next year with a new format. While Chuck is a fan of the written part of the Circles, it was decided that Zoom meetings are preferable. Perhaps a brainstorming session on Zoom regarding common interests and reducing Circles to once a month is a possibility. However, someone needs to take leadership for the future of the Circles.

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- c) Election night or day after “Zoom-up” with Gary hosting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

It was agreed that this is a good idea and Gary is willing to host.

VI. Committee Reports

- a) Stewardship and Finance Committee – Bob

Bob is looking into keeping the CD's local and is considering Guadalupe Credit Union which requires that we open a business account. He is planning a CD of \$75,000.00.

The board is also considering a Zoom meeting on Thanksgiving for people who might not be able to be with family. Barbara will announce this event.

VII. Closing Words – Bob

Bob read from Waking Up from Sam Harris, The Spiritual Life

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Next meeting: November 21, 2020, 1PM on Zoom.